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Further to my letter of 5 September 1999 (S/1999/946), I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the Security Council mission (see annex).

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission is as follows:

Namibia (Ambassador Martin Andjaba - Head of mission)

Malaysia (Ambassador Hasmy Agam)

Netherlands (Minister Alphons Hamer - Presidency of the Security Council)

Slovenia (Ambassador Danilo Türk)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
(Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock)

In view of the urgency of the situation, it is the intention of the mission to depart for Indonesia in the evening of 6 September 1999. To that end, I would be most grateful if the Secretariat could make the necessary arrangements.

(Signed) Peter van WALSUM
President of the Security Council

Annex

Terms of reference for the Security Council mission's presentation to the Government of Indonesia

1. The Security Council commends the sustained efforts of the Government of Indonesia through the good offices of the Secretary-General to find a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution to the question of East Timor. It expresses its appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for its cooperation with the United Nations in this process.

2. The Security Council is nevertheless seriously concerned about the deteriorating security situation in East Timor, particularly since the popular consultation. The Council welcomes the undertakings given by the Government of Indonesia that it will fulfil its obligations under the Agreements of 5 May 1999. But the Government's efforts so far have not been able to prevent an intensification of violence in the territory.

3. The Security Council is particularly concerned at the campaign of violence against the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) in recent days. This has meant the closure of all but four of UNAMET's regional offices; the Mission's headquarters is now under a virtual state of siege. The Council deplores the murders of UNAMET local staff members and the attack on 4 September 1999 which left an international staff member seriously wounded.

4. Reflecting the will of the international community, the Security Council is determined to see the Agreements of 5 May 1999 implemented fully. The people of East Timor have made a clear choice in favour of independence; their will must be respected.

5. For its part, the United Nations is bring forward planning for phase III of the transition process. This will be done in consultation with the Government of Indonesia.

6. The International community is looking forward to working with the Government of Indonesia in bringing East Timor to independence. The Security Council urges the Government of Indonesia to ensure security and allow UNAMET to implement its mandate without hindrance.

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The mission will explore with the Government of Indonesia whether the Government would find it helpful if the mission were to make the same presentation to representatives of other political parties. The mission will take any opportunity to show its full support for UNAMET and its staff.